

MILLAND VALLEY NURSERY SCHOOL

Newsletter September 2019

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Term Dates 2019

Autumn Term

Tuesday 3 Sep'19 – Tuesday 17 Dec'19(12noon)

Half Term

Monday 28 Oct'19 – Thursday 31 Oct'19

Term Dates 2020

Spring Term

Tuesday 7 Jan'20 – Thu 2 Apr'20

Half Term

Monday 17 Feb'20 – Thursday 20 Feb'20

Summer Term

Monday 20 Apr'20 – Thursday 16 Jul'20(12noon)

Half Term

Monday 25 May'20 – Thursday 28 May'20

Dates for your Diary

Parent Group Meeting

Thursday 12 September 9.15am

Emma Drake

Monday 23 September

Walk

Wednesday 2 October

KINDERMUSIK

Sadly Pyjama Drama run by Sarah Sears has stopped. However, we have been very fortunate in arranging for Kindermusik to visit us every Wednesday 1.30 – 2pm. This will be a fun, interactive music session for all the children attending Wednesday afternoon.

PARENT GROUP MEETING

This is an informal meeting, held in the committee room. Please do come along if you can. It will last approximately 30/45 minutes. We will be discussing future plans/activities for the nursery, explaining how the journals work and listening to your suggestions. This is also a good opportunity to meet other parents and possibly organise a coffee morning to help new families to the area.

EMMA DRAKE

Emma, who works at the Milland Pottery, has kindly offered to come and do a clay session with the children on Monday 23 September. Please ensure your children are in clothes that you don't mind getting dirty!

WALK

First walk for the children at nursery! We will be leaving nursery by 9.30am. Please ensure your children have suitable clothing and wellington boots. We will be back before 12noon. You are very welcome to join us on the walk. Please let a member of staff know if you intend coming along.

FEES

Our hourly rate is £6.50 (£19.50 per 3 hour session).. Additional charges - French on Tuesday morning for the Oaks £1.50 pw, Wednesday Music session 1pm for all children £1.50pw. Please speak to Gill if you have any queries regarding your invoice.

Invoices are sent out at the start of each half term by email and we would ask you make payment promptly. Funded children (following their third birthday) are entitled to 15 hours per week of free nursery time. There is funding available for some two year olds, but there are clear guidelines on who is eligible – dependent on income. If you would like further information please speak to Sarah/Gill.

We are open 38 weeks per year. You can pay directly into our account via bacs – our bank details are:

Santander, A/c Name: Milland Valley Nursery School, Sort Code: 09-06-66, A/c No.:40249735, Ref.: your child's name.

30 HOURS EXTENDED FUNDING

If you are already claiming the extended funding, please check to see if you are in the "grace" period and need to renew your claim.

The following link with help regarding the above extended funding.

www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-and-education-for-2-to-4-year-olds

The extended 30 hours per week funding is available if both parents are working and earn the equivalent of 16 hours at the minimum wage per week currently £8.21p per hour (if you are a single parent and working you can also apply for the 30 hours) – there is an upper earnings limit of £100,000 per parent. The HMRC have a very good website regarding Early Years funding, together with a calculator to work out if you are eligible. Please let us know if you intend to claim the extra 15 hours.

SIGNING IN – SELF REGISTRATION

Please remember to sign your child in and out at every session. These records are very important and must show an accurate account of children attending each session.

The photos kept on the table by the signing in book is the children's "self registration". We would ask you to encourage your child to look for their photo and place on the board inside the hall.

WATER BOTTLES

Our system of having the children's water bottles available to them for the entire session has worked well and we are planning to continue. PLEASE make sure the bottle is clearly marked with your child's name. We will have a permanent marker to hand and would ask you please to write your child's name on the bottle. Labels do not work.

CLOTHING/PERSONAL POSSESSIONS

WELLINGTON BOOTS ARE NEEDED EVERY DAY. We often engage the children in water activities and boots are essential.

SUN CREAM & SUNHATS. Please apply sun cream to your child before the session starts. All sun creams must be clearly labelled/marked with your child's name. We are unable to apply sun cream to a child unless it is theirs. We will top up during the day as necessary.

For a variety of reasons, your child may need a change of clothes during the session. Would you please supply a spare set of clothes and leave on their pegs. Please do not use plastic carrier bags.

*****ALL PERSONAL POSSESSIONS/CLOTHING MUST BE CLEARLY LABELLED ***- .Lunch boxes, coats and boots a priority.**

Please remember to take all your child's possessions home at the end of their last session each week – the cloakroom needs to be empty for other users at the weekend.

We are always there to help the children with their clothing, but it is important they gain independence in this area – please ensure your child is dressed appropriately.

Please note – children are unable to access the wooded area at the back of the nursery if they do not have wellington boots/long sleeved clothing. This is of particular importance if your child attends Tuesday pm/Wednesday am. These sessions will always have some time outside in the fenced wooded area. All unclaimed clothing will go to the charity shop at the end of each term.

STAFFING

We are delighted to let you know that Jo is expecting her second child late November. This does mean, however, Jo will be starting maternity leave October half term. We are really pleased that Jessica is able to cover Jo's maternity to help minimise change for the children.

KEEPING UP TO DATE

It is extremely important that all the information we have on record is up to date. This includes contact information (telephone numbers/emails, etc) and most important any dietary requirements/allergies your child may have.

ON LINE TAPESTRY/JOURNALS – CARE DIARY

It is very important that everyone looks at their child's journals on a regular basis. Input from home is extremely valuable, giving a much clearer picture of how your child is developing and the progress being made. There is a "Care Diary" facility that can be found under the menu tab. We are using the toileting icon. This will detail times when your child has had their nappy changed, or when it has been necessary to change clothing due to toileting.

WHITEBOARD

If you see the whiteboard outside the hall, please do take a few moments to read what is on it. This is a quick and effective way to get up to date information/requests out to everyone.

SOCIAL NETWORKING POLICY

Staff are becoming a little concerned and worried that they might offend some of you by declining "friendship" requests on social networking sites. We would like to advise you that they are following our policy guidelines regarding this issue and perhaps it would be easier if requests were not submitted. Your cooperation in this matter would be appreciated.

COLLECTION

*****Prompt collection/leaving at the end of each session please*****. The extra minutes delays us considerably with continuing the afternoon sessions and clearing away. It is extremely important when we hand your child to you at the end of any session you keep them by your side (together with siblings). The hall can become congested and noisy as we are putting equipment away. Please be careful when leaving the nursery.

ILLNESS

Please read our policy "Sick Child/Illness Policy". We would like to highlight the statement regarding children not returning to nursery for a minimum of 48hours after the last bout of sickness and/or diarrhoea.

LUNCH BOXES

Please check that your child's lunch box is clearly marked with their name. Sausages, grapes and tomatoes should all be cut in half down the length of the item.

Due to the severity of food allergies, please ensure your child's lunch box does not contain any foods with a **nut** content, e.g., cereal, muesli bars etc. This will enable us to ensure there is no cross contamination. Your full cooperation would be appreciated. We would also remind you that in keeping with healthy eating PLEASE **DO NOT PUT SWEETS** in your child's lunch. Lunch box suggestions can be found on our notice board

CHANGE IN ROUTINE

If there is a change in routine regarding your child at nursery, i.e. someone else collecting at the end of the session, etc.; please enter all relevant details on the sheet in the signing in book.

Please telephone if there is an unexpected change and remember to let us know if your contact details have changed, i.e., mobile phone. We are unable to let children go home with anyone else without authorisation from parents (even best friends!).

EMAIL – mvns1@hotmail.com

Please, please remember to check your emails. This is the quickest way for us to get information to you regarding nursery. Please let us know if your email address changes.

However, if you need to speak to us, or get information to us, it is always advisable to phone. Although we check the emails regularly, at weekends or during holidays there is always the possibility that we will not access the email address daily and therefore could miss something important.

If you would like to make contact with other parents through our email, please speak to Sarah or Gill before doing so.

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